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Applicant : Martin Blumenfeld et al.      Art Unit : 1634  
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Filed : May 11, 2001  
Title : APPARATUS FOR GENERATING A TEMPERATURE GRADIENT AND  
METHODS FOR USING THE GRADIENT TO CHARACTERIZE  
MOLECULAR INTERACTIONS

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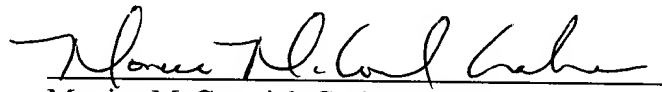
PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136, applicants hereby petition that the period for response to the action dated October 3, 2002, be extended for three months to and including April 3, 2003.

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Respectfully submitted,

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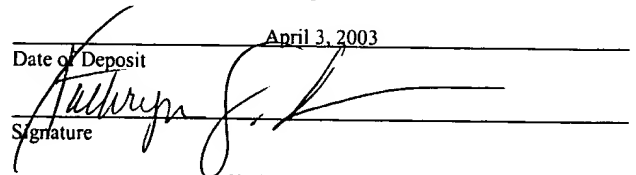
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